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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL - EXPORT COST INFLATION INSURANCE
SCHEMES

REF: (A) GENEVA 8061, (B) GENEVA 8099

1. AS GATT COUNCIL AGENDA (REF B) INDICATES, EXPORT
COST INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA.
WE HAVE, HOWEVER, TALKED WITH GATT SECRETARIAT (PATTER-
SON) AND HE SAYS THAT THIS SHOULD NOT DETER US FROM
SEEKING AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE BEFORE COUNCIL
MEETS JUNE 6. SINCE ITEM HAS BEEN ON LAST TWO COUNCIL
AGENDAS, WE COULD BRING IT UP UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS"
AND OBTAIN COUNCIL AGREEMENT TO TERMS OF REFERENCE.
ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD ASK TO HAVE ITEM INSCRIBED ON
COUNCIL AGENDA PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 26. THIS
PRESUPPOSES, OF COURSE, THAT WE OBTAIN CANADIAN
ACQUIESCENCE TO ONE OF TWO TERMS OF REFERENCE PROPOSED
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IN INFORMAL MEETINGS IN PATTERSON'S OFFICE. IF WE CAN
CONVINCE THE CANADIANS TO ACCEPT ONE OF THESE TERMS OF
REFERENCE, PATTERSON WILL THEN CALL A SMALL MEETING OF
KEY DELS TO FINALIZE TERMS OF REFERENCE (ASSUMING, OF
COURSE, THAT OUR ASSESSMENT OF FRENCH POSITION IN REF A
IS CORRECT) AND TO GET THEIR AGREEMENT TO HAVE COUNCIL
MAKE DECISION UNDER

"OTHER BUSINESS" (UNLESS WE HAVE
ALREADY INSCRIBED ITEM ON AGENDA).

2. IF WASHINGTON AGREES WITH LINE OF ACTION RECOMMENDED
REF A, WE SUGGEST AN IMMEDIATE DEMARCHE IN OTTAWA.
OTHERWISE, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEEK COUNCIL APPROVAL
UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL WHICH IS UNLIKELY BEFORE
MID-JULY. VANDEN HEUVEL

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